administratively strong so as to become accessible and open with all institutes having technical courses: and

(d) the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) According to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)., it is continuously striving to make it open and helpful to ail the applicants for various approvals. The communication of all the decisions regarding approval has been made time bound. To ensure maintenance of Norms and Standards, random and surprise visits are made by the AICTE. The institutes are advised to present their cases and are being heard at the highest level.

All the information regarding Approval Process Handbook, Application Forms, Public Notices, Latest Policies, Procedures, Decisions of the Council are available at the Information Facilitation Centers at AICTE Headquarters and its Regional Offices as well as the AICTE website_(www.aicteernet.in). The Council is introducing transparency by introduction of "compliance report" and"Mandatory Disclosure" for institutions. Approval Process has been made open ended with no cut off dates. AICTE has created a facility, as e-mail on their website, called Student Voice wherein students can complain about non availability of facilities or any rule of Council being violated or any suggestion in policy or procedure to improve the Technical Education system.

IIT in Orissa

9. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of State for HRD has announced in Patna that one IIT will be set up in Orissa State ;

(b) whether the IIT for Orissa State is now proposed to be shifted to some other States;

(c) if so, the details with reason thereof;

(d) whether the Chief Minister of Orissa has written to the

Prime Minister requesting that an IIT be sanctioned for Orissa State, to meet the needs of rapid industrial growth in the State; and

(e) if so, the status thereof, indicating the time-frame within which it would be.sanctioned and set up in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI):(a) to (e) The Chief Minister of Orissa has written to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for establishment of a Greenfield IIT in Orissa and for upgradation of the extension campus of IIT-Kharagpur at Bhubancswar. The Government of India has decided to set up three new IITs in the States of Rajasthan, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. Therefore, the question of shifting an IIT from Orissa to other State does not arise.

KGBVs in the country

10. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas fully operational in the country as on 31st December, 2006;

(b) how many KGBVs have been specifically set up in blocks having predominance of Muslim population; and

(c) whether in the light of findings of the Sachar Committee, more KGBVs are being planned in minority dominated areas and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a)to(c) 966 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) have been made operational in the country till 31.12.06. 388 KGBVs have been sanctioned in blocks with concentration of Muslim population.

Amount required for construction of schools

†11. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 277 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th December, 2006 and state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.